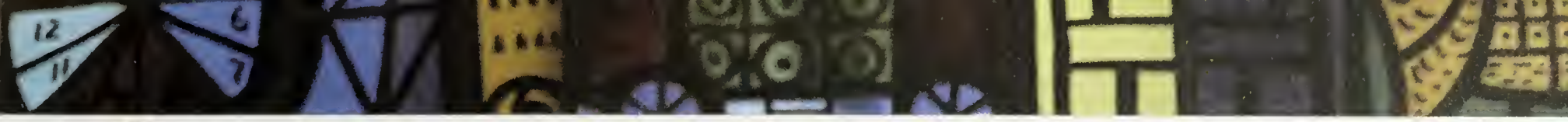

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From the
Rabbi's Desk

I recently commemorated the fifth *yahrzeit* for my late father. His life was so fascinating that I like—from time to time—to reflect on certain aspects of his career.

His activities in the Royal Navy, his Zionist work and his attempts to organize a boycott of Germany in the 1930's elicited a furious response from the Nazis. Some years ago, the *London Jewish Chronicle* published a black list, which the Gestapo had compiled, of people marked for liquidation when the Nazis made what they expected would be their successful invasion of Britain. This list contained some 2,000 people and included over 150 Jewish names. The discovery of the documents in September 1945 luckily caused much amusement among the survivors who thereupon organized a dinner to celebrate.

My father's name is there in this roll of honor: "F. Ashe Lincoln." He often told me that since he was in the Royal Navy he probably would not have been available to the Gestapo since the British Navy were being instructed to sail to Canada should Britain fall. Naturally, Jews did not have to be on any special list to be murdered. My mother, sister and I would not have had to be specially chosen. When I visited Auschwitz some years ago, I was horrified to see a number 350,000 of Jews in the United Kingdom who were expected.

My father begged my mother to go to the United States or Jamaica where her parents had gone. My mother refused to move – we were very fortunate. Indeed, more fortunate than our next door neighbors who were killed in a bombing raid.

Thank G-d my father lived for nearly 91 years and continued his work as a lawyer and tireless campaigner for Israel and World Jewry.

David H. Lincoln,
Senior Rabbi

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES
December 2003

Friday evening, December 5 ..... 6:15 pm
Children's December Birthday Celebration
J.T.S. Professor Dr. Benjamin Gampel, Guest Speaker
Followed by Arms *Shabbat* Dinner (Reservations Required)

Saturday morning, December 6
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am
Bar Mitzvah of Adam McCormack,
son of Corinne and George McCormack
Havurah Service ..... 9:30 am
Tot *Shabbat* Service ..... 11:15 am

Friday evening, December 12
Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat* ..... 5:15 pm
Rinah U'Tefilah Song and Prayer Service ..... 6:15 pm

Saturday morning, December 13
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Abramovitz,
daughter of Debra and Stuart Abramovitz
Dr. Stephen Steinlight, Guest Speaker
Followed by *Shabbat* Lunch (Reservations Required)
Shabbat B'yachad ..... 10:00 am

Friday evening, December 19 ..... 6:15 pm
Followed by *Hanukkah Shabbat* Dinner (Reservations Required)

Saturday morning, December 20
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Friday evening, December 26 ..... 6:15 pm

Saturday morning, December 27
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Paulette R. Posner will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

From the Chairman

As Chairman of the Board, I am privileged to learn of many of the outstanding accomplishments of our members. November 17, 2003 was an especially notable evening at the Synagogue, where all of us could likewise share in this feeling of pride and joy. This evening, the launching of our annual Book Fair (planned expertly by Rachael First and Susan Edelstein), featured our own Synagogue authors, who spoke about their works and how their Jewish values influenced their writing. Our authors' subjects ranged from how a poor Jewish boy from the Bronx found love on the tennis court to how pastrami was first introduced to the Western World.

With Rabbi Kenneth Stern as the Master of Ceremonies, the following Synagogue authors spoke: Lisa Birnbach, Barbara Goldsmith, Dr. Ethan Gologor, Carey Karmel & Marcia Sherrill, Dr. Philip Muskin, Jean Bloch Rosensaft, Menachem Rosensaft, Shereen Gertel Rutman, Dr. Elizabeth Sackler, Dr. Gloria Shafer, Susanna Sirefman, Patricia Volk and Dr. Barbara Weinstein.

I hope that all of you will join me next year at this annual event, which celebrates the people who are Park Avenue Synagogue. I wish you a Happy *Hanukkah* and a restful winter vacation.

Amy A.B. Bressman,
Chairman of the Board

Synagogue Family

DECEMBER *B'nai Mitzvah*

Adam McCormack
December 6, 2003

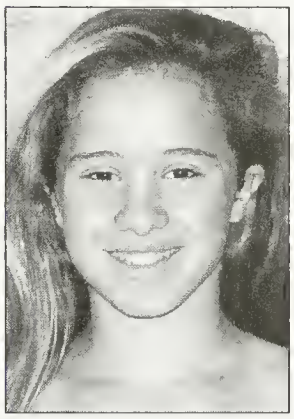
Adam McCormack started his Jewish education at Park Avenue Synagogue when he was in the second grade. He quickly learned Hebrew and really enjoys his Hebrew classes, the teachers and his classmates.

Adam's passion is education. While he has a great sense of humor, he takes his schoolwork very seriously. He is in the Honors program at Wagner J.H.S. on the Upper East Side. He has been a member of the Math Team for six years and is a strong competitor. This past summer, Adam was chosen to participate in a program called SHSI at Stuyvesant High School and has enjoyed his time there. Adam's other passions involve technology, and he is proficient with all types of media. He is also an avid reader and has recently read *Into Thin Air*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Twelve Angry Men*. Adam has taken computer photography, computer animation, ice-skating and tennis lessons.

Adam also has a love for traveling. He has visited many countries, including Hong Kong, Seoul, and Thailand. With all of his traveling, he has developed a sophisticated palate and has eaten authentic cooking in many countries. He especially loves sushi and Korean cuisine.

Adam is looking forward to the honor of becoming *Bar Mitzvah*. He wants to thank the clergy for their support and guidance. He has a special thank you for Cantor Lefkowitz, Diane and Cantor Abramson for their excellent direction. Adam also thanks the Park Avenue Synagogue Hebrew School educators who have inspired him and made this experience very meaningful.

Sarah Ellen Abramovitz
December 13, 2003



From the time Sarah Abramovitz was given her Hebrew name by Rabbi David Lincoln to the present, she has always felt at home and a part of Park Avenue Synagogue. A graduate of the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center, Sarah has been a student at the P.A.S. Congregational School for the past eight years. Last year, she enjoyed being a member of the P.A.S. Junior Choir.

Sarah is a seventh grader at the Riverdale Country School, where her favorite subjects are mathematics and history. She has played travel soccer for many years and is now proud to represent Riverdale on the 7th/8th Grade soccer team. Sarah has spent the last four summers at Camp Modin in Belgrade, Maine, where she particularly enjoys wakeboarding and spending time with her many friends. During the winter she takes pleasure in skiing and snowboarding with her family.

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Synagogue Family

Sarah Ellen Abramovitz

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Sarah has a great passion for travel. In addition to frequent visits to her grandparents in California and Florida, Sarah has fond memories of her trips to Israel, Germany, Michigan and Arizona to attend family *simchas*. Last winter, Sarah traveled to Hawaii with her family, grandparents, uncle and cousins, where she became an avid snorkeler.

Sarah is looking forward to celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* with friends and family, and would like to thank the Park Avenue Synagogue Rabbis, Cantors and teachers for helping her prepare for this special day, and her parents and sister, Rachel, for supporting her through many hours of study. She looks forward to continuing her Jewish studies at the Rabbi Judah Nadich Hebrew High School.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Mr. David Cohen & Ms. Barbara Weindling, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Forest, Mrs. Joan Homolka, Mr. & Ms. David Sudolsky.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families:

Dr. Marvin Goldstein on the passing of his mother, Rebecca Gitnick.

Ira E. Kay and Kenneth M. Kay on the passing of their mother, Esther Kay (Kitrosser).

Shari Upbin on the passing of her brother, Carl Kiesler.

Selma Weintraub on the passing of her husband, Morris (Tiny) Weintraub.

With Pride and Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty mazel tov to:

Photo: David Karp

Menachem Z. Rosensaft, President of P.A.S., on receiving the 2003 Elie Wiesel Holocaust Remembrance Award from Israel Bonds, November 9, 2003.

- Floyd Abrams on receiving the George A. Katz Torch of Learning Award at the 34th Annual Greater New York Lawyers Division.
- Pamela and Howard Hirsch and Deanna and Robert Adler on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Caroline Rose Hirsch, on October 11.
- Candace and Jonathan Perkin on the birth of their daughter, Gabrielle Emma Perkin, on July 8.
- Howard and Dana Siskin and Sheldon and Doris Siskin on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Drew Isabelle Siskin, on October 23.

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

The Park Avenue Synagogue *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out in complete confidence to the ill, elderly and homebound in friendship and companionship through telephone calls and/or visits. If you would like to be contacted by one of its caring, dedicated volunteers, or know someone who might benefit from the committee's attention, please contact Rabbi Lincoln's secretary, Liya, at (212) 369-2600.

Visit *www.pasyn.org*

Spend a few minutes at Park Avenue Synagogue's new web site, *www.pasyn.org*. Get the latest information on events, programs, meetings, etc. Keep informed on Synagogue issues. Communicate with our clergy and staff.

The Park Avenue Synagogue Bereavement Group

Those who have lost loved ones or friends will find support and understanding at Park Avenue Synagogue's Bereavement Group. The group meets monthly and is facilitated by Dr. Sheila Erlich, a licensed psychologist. Upcoming meetings will take place on **Thursdays December 18** and **January 15, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** in the Family Room. For future dates and additional information, please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern at (212) 369-2600.

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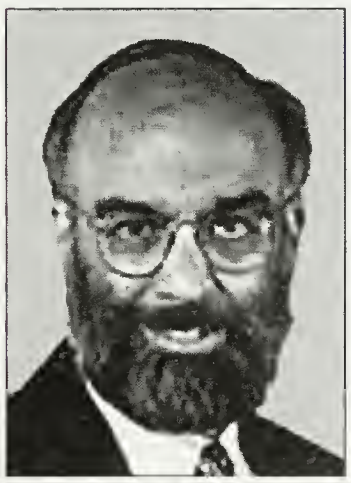
Muslim Power and Jewish Survival: Study With a Noted J.T.S. Professor at P.A.S.

In an effort to foster the ongoing relationship between Park Avenue Synagogue and the Jewish Theological Seminary, the P.A.S.- J.T.S. Committee is bringing the tremendous scholarship available at J.T.S. to our East Side location. On *Shabbat* **December 5-6**, P.A.S. has the honor of hosting Dr. Benjamin Gampel, professor of Jewish history, as part of our series, "Insights Into Islam." While Dr. Gampel is with us, there will be ample opportunity to hear him and study with him.



Dr. Benjamin Gampel

At the Friday Evening Service, which will mark the first time all the Synagogue Arms are jointly sponsoring a service, Dr. Gampel will address the congregation in the Main Sanctuary. He will continue his remarks and open conversation with those who join us when all the Synagogue Arms come together for a wonderful *Shabbat* dinner following services. On *Shabbat* morning, Dr. Gampel will *daven* with the *Havurah*, and offer the *D'var Torah* during their service.

Dr. Gampel is known to be a truly energetic scholar and teacher. He is among a small group of educators dedicated to bringing the history of the Jews to a wide public audience. His focus on Sephardic Jewry and their relationship with their Muslim peers is sure to illuminate the role Islamic history plays in our present-day lives.

J.T.S., situated in Morningside Heights, is a prestigious center of Jewish learning—a university of Judaic studies with a world-class faculty and diverse student body. It offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees through its five schools and serves as the academic and spiritual center of Conservative Judaism worldwide. J.T.S. trains tomorrow's religious, educational, academic and lay leaders for the Jewish community and beyond, and Park Avenue Synagogue is proud to host and highlight one of its foremost scholars for a full *Shabbat* of learning and study together.

Shabbat dinner is by reservation only; the cost is $25 / adults; $10 / children under 8. Please call Naomi Lipnick at ext. 121 for late reservations. Don't miss this unique opportunity to join together as a full community and learn with a noted J.T.S. scholar.

Explore the Role of Music in Prayer at the Congregational Musicale

For many of us, the music of our services helps us get into the mood of prayer and raises our level of spiritual consciousness. Join Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson at the Fifth Annual Musicale on Sunday, **December 7** at 4:00 pm for a spirited and engaging afternoon of song based on the theme, *T'fillah Uk'dushah*—Enhancing Prayer Through Music.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to explore the sense of heightened awareness of text through sacred music. Familiar prayers will be presented in musical settings, which will encourage engagement with the words and feelings expressed in prayer. Our Congregational Singers will be featured and our Synagogue Concert Choir will also perform, both directed by Neil Robinson. There will be special guests from our community as well. A reception will follow the program.

Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

Hanukkah Happenings

Men's Club Project Ezra *Hanukkah* Party

Help make *Hanukkah* more special for a group of elderly men and women from the Lower East Side by coming to the Men's Club annual *Hanukkah* celebration on **December 14**, 11:00 am-2:00 pm at the Synagogue. Our High School students will help host the party, held in conjunction with Project Ezra.

Sisterhood *Hanukkah* Party for P.A.S. Toddlers

What could be more fun than a *Hanukkah* party for the Synagogue's toddlers? Come and let your spirits soar at the Sisterhood *Hanukkah* party on **December 16**, 11:30 am-12:00 Noon with the toddlers, followed by food, fun and plenty of time for Sisterhood members to socialize.

Hanukkah Art Morning for Young Families

The Young Couples Group and Family Education / *Kehillah* invite children of all ages and their families to a Sunday morning holiday art workshop on **December 14**, 10:00 am-12 Noon. Join Artist-in-Residence Ellen Alt as she leads a variety of *Hanukkah*-related art projects. This is a great way to socialize on a winter Sunday morning and to begin the celebration of *Hanukkah*. For more information or to R.S.V.P., please contact Suzette Rubinstein, Young Couples Group President, *SRubinstein@smythemasterson.com*.

Fun for All: Congregational *Hanukkah Shabbat* Dinner

Join family and friends following Friday evening services on **December 19** at a special holiday dinner to celebrate *Shabbat* and to light the first candle of *Hanukkah*. Don't miss the delicious food, the joyous songs, and the fun for children and adults alike. $25 / adults; $10 / children under 8. Reservations required. Call the Synagogue office to reserve a place.

WEG *Hanukkah* Party: Jewish Heroines as "Preservers of the Faith"

All congregants and their friends are invited to hear an engaging talk and to help children in need at WEG's Annual *Hanukkah* Party on Monday, **December 22** at 7:15 pm. Professor Tamara M. Green, Chair of the Hunter College, CUNY Department of Classical and Oriental Studies, a most enjoyable and charismatic lecturer, will discuss "Judaism and the Lives of Women in the Greco-Roman World." Cantor Nancy Abramson will lead our group in blessings and seasonal songs in honor of the fourth night of *Hanukkah*. WEG will also collect children's gifts of up to $15 in value for the Mt. Sinai Hospital Pediatrics Department.

Join a Lively Book Discussion

Gathering to discuss a wonderful book is a great way to stretch your mind and meet new people. Join us on Monday, **December 15** at 8:00 pm in the Library, when we will discuss *The Thirty-Third Hour* by Michael Chaifetz.

WLCJ Activities

Elissa Baum, vice-president of WEG and its Torah Fund Chair, will be honored on **December 3** at the Annual Torah Fund Dinner of the Metropolitan Branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The dinner will be held at the Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 East 51st Street. The cost is $15 after a minimum contribution of $18 to Torah Fund. Please send separate checks for dinner and contribution to Elinor Blash, 70 East 10th Street, #20J, New York NY 10003.

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Jewish Life and Learning

Artist-in-Residence Ellen Alt Welcomed at P.A.S.

Ellen Alt was warmly welcomed to the P.A.S. community as Artist-in-Residence at a reception and exhibition of her work on October 23.

Children's Birthday Celebration

Bring *Shabbat* into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with December birthdays will be called up to the *bimah* and honored at our December Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening, December 5 at 6:15 pm.** Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

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Please call Sarah Gribetz, (212) 369-2600, ext. 140, to register or reserve.

• "A Pragmatic Approach to Judaism: The Philosophy of Mordecai Kaplan." Mel Scult, Instructor. Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18 and January 8, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm. Members, $25/non-members, $40.

• "Insights Into Islam." This series continues with Dr. Stephen Steinlight, Congressional Task Force on Immigration Reform, who will speak on "Islamism, Immigration and Jewish Power" on *Shabbat* morning, December 13 at 9:15 am in the Main Sanctuary. *Shabbat* lunch will follow services for further conversation with Rabbi Lincoln and Dr. Steinlight, $20 per person. Reservations required.

• "Satisfying Portions: Once-a-Month Power Bites of Torah." December 11, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. Don't miss the chance to study with Rabbi Jennifer Krause, a dynamic and inspirational teacher, who leads a monthly evening *Parshat HaShavua* (weekly Torah portion) course combining informal study and open dialogue to catch up on the month's Torah portions. This course gives new meaning to the rabbinic saying, *hafoch bo v'hafoch bo* – "Study it and review it; You will find everything in it." This month's class is timed to accommodate all members; pizza and homework supervision will be provided for those Congregational School students whose parents are in the course. Reservations required.

Family Education / *Kehillah*

• **Tot *Shabbat***
Saturday, December 6, 11:15-Noon, 5th floor.
Join Jody Prusan for an uplifting service of prayer, dancing, story and song for toddlers through pre-school age, followed by a child-friendly *Kiddush*.

• **Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat***
Friday evening, December 12, 5:15 pm-5:45 pm.
Come greet *Shabbat* with song, dance and prayer in the Appleman Chapel. Perfect for families with toddlers and pre-school-aged children. Join Jody Prusan and members of the clergy for a warm and inviting service.

Celebrating a *Simcha?*

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning *Minyan*! Call Lynn Schneider in the Synagogue office for more information (212) 369-2600.

News From Our Schools

Congregational School

by Renee Ghert-Zand, Director of Education

Many of our parents, especially those of our older students, tell me how much their children feel welcome and at home in our synagogue. The children have been coming here, once, then twice, then later three times a week for years. The efforts of the Education Department have been aimed primarily at making all our members, from our toddlers through our eldest members, feel comfortable and welcome not only in our *shul* community, but in the wider community of Jewish learners, as well.

Already in *Gan* (Kindergarten), the youngest students in our school learn about the importance of making people feel welcome. They learn the story, "Abraham Receives Guests," an age-appropriate way of learning Genesis 18:1-15. In this text, Abraham, who is recovering from performing the covenant of circumcision, is quick to welcome three strangers who appear in front of his tent. He treats them with honor and respect, attending in an exemplary way to their feeding and comfort. Indeed, hospitality is one of the first *mitzvot* we learn from the Torah. The Talmud says that, "Hospitality is a great *mitzvah*. It is considered more important to show hospitality than to attend classes or to greet God in prayer." *(Shabbat 127a)* Similarly, the Talmud teaches that it is important for us to welcome teachers ("disciples of the wise") into our homes. *(Berachot 63b)*

For the sake of our *kehillah*, our synagogue community, we must make every effort to make our fellow members feel welcome not only in the P.A.S. building, but also in our homes. Consider inviting your child's friends and classmates and their families for a meal in your home. Let us know that you would be willing to put up a *shomer Shabbat* (Sabbath observant) teacher, or a guest speaker or scholar-in-residence. Your family's level of observance should not be a factor – the synagogue can help you make sure that your guests will feel comfortable in your home. Extending such an invitation is a way to do the double *mitzvah* of showing hospitality and building our community. **If you are interested in extending home hospitality, please call the Education Office at extension 130.**

December Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, December 13** – *Shabbat B'yachad & Zimriyah* (song festival) for all grades.
- **Wednesday, December 17 & Thursday, December 18** – Parent-Teacher conferences (no classes).
- **Wednesday, December 17-January 4** – Winter Break (no classes).

Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

by Lisa Samick

WRITE ON FOR ISRAEL was created in response to the barrage of anti-Israel propaganda appearing in college newspapers across the country. *The Jewish Week* and the Avi Chai Foundation partnered to create an intensive and exciting two-year program geared toward turning 30 Jewish High School students each year into confident, knowledgeable activists.

Charles Harris

The first year, for High School juniors, brings the students together for seven seminars featuring speakers from some of the top organizations and institutions. The culmination of this course work is a ten-day mission to Israel. During their senior year, participants take part in advocacy projects and internships to further empower them to become advocates through writing, broadcasting and public speaking.

Katya Ostrow

Out of more than 100 applicants, we are thrilled to announce that Charles Harris and Katya Ostrow were among the 30 who were chosen to participate in this amazing program. Both underwent a strenuous application and interview process and will represent the Park Avenue Synagogue in all aspects of the program. Especially noteworthy is that Katya and Charles are among only three non-Day School participants. Charles studies at the Dalton School and Katya is at the Brearley School; both are active participants in our Hebrew High School.

Early Childhood Center

by Carol Hendin

The children in our Early Childhood Center are participating again this year in an art exchange with young children in Israel through the Tel Aviv Museum. The goal of the program is to connect children through art and communication and to promote understanding and friendship. The children in the Blue and Red Rooms will be paired with a class of 35 four- and five-year-olds in a school in Tel Aviv.

For the three art exchanges during the year, the children will be creating original works celebrating their family, their city and a Jewish holiday. They will include introductory self-portraits along with something that each child would like the children in Israel to know about them and our city. Another theme will focus on celebrating birthdays to tie in with *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*. The final project will be a class mural expressing feelings of happiness and friendship.

Last year we received some artwork that expressed what was meaningful to our Israeli counterparts. They included glittered, fanciful *Purim* masks and colorful depictions of trees in bloom. We, in turn, sent a book about New York written and illustrated by the children and paintings that were created while listening to American Jazz. We look forward to hearing from our Israeli friends and sharing the creative work of our children.

December dates to remember

- **Monday, December 15** – *Hanukkah* parties for Purple AM and PM and Green Rooms.
- **Tuesday, December 16** – *Hanukkah* parties for 2-Day Orange, Yellow and Red Rooms.
- **Wednesday, December 17** – *Hanukkah* parties for 2-Day Orange and Blue Rooms.

Kol Nidre Appeal 2003/5764

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have given to our annual *Kol Nidre* Appeal between October 8, 2003 and November 8, 2003. Your generous donations help Park Avenue Synagogue maintain the level of our dynamic programming and community social action efforts, such as the Food Pantry.

The *Kol Nidre* Appeal is the **only** Synagogue-wide fundraising campaign that we conduct each year, and the funds that are raised help the annual Synagogue operating budget in countless ways. We are under new financial pressure because:

- Membership dues account for only 38% of the operating budget;
- Our security and insurance costs have more than tripled in the last 2 years;
- Maintaining our inspiring sanctuary and landmark facility, parts of which date back to 1927, requires constant attention and improvement.

More than ever we need your generous contributions. Again, our heartfelt thanks to those who have given. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a *Kol Nidre* pledge, we look forward to hearing from you.

B'shalom,

Marty Halbfinger
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Judge & Mrs. Louis Kaplan, in honor of Josh Parker's *Bar Mitzvah.*
Dr. Barbara Weinstein, in memory of her beloved mother, Rita Shirley Weinstein.

Family Education Fund

Dr. & Mrs. Jason Dolinsky.

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Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bromer, in honor of Williminia Bromer's 15th birthday.
Vivian & Milton Finkel, in memory of my dear sister Anna Rekant, never to be forgotten.
Vivian & Milton Finkel, in honor of Robert Becker, *Hatan Torah.*
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Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of Melanie Schneider. Thank you for your tireless work for the congregants.
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of Robert Becker, *Hatan Torah.*
Philip, Marlene and Matthew Muskin, in honor of the wedding of Rabbi Paulette Gross and Jeremy Posner.
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Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of Joshua Parker on his *Bar Mitzvah.*
Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of Cantor Nancy Abramson's son, Ezra.
Parents' Association, in honor of Heidi Silverstone being called to the Torah as *Kallat Bereishit.*
Susan, Jeffrey, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman, in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Paulette Gross to Jeremy Posner.
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Ms. Susan Wasserman.
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WEG, in memory of Morris (Tiny) Weintraub.

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Mrs. Barbara Robbins, in honor of her birthday.

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Mr. Stanley B. Horowitz, in honor of his birthday.
Rabbi David H. Lincoln, in memory of his beloved father, Ashe Lincoln.
Vivian S. Storper, in honor of Rabbi Lincoln.

Synagogue Offerings

Albertine J. Aboody, in memory of her beloved sister, Naima Mashal.
Mrs. Beverly Abrams, in memory of her beloved father, Irving Fraser.
Jim & Susan Baumann, in honor of Jim Rosenfeld's 50th birthday.
Mrs. Frances Berger, in memory of her beloved husband, Herman Berger.
Mrs. Frances Berger, in honor of her birthday.
Bill Bermont, in honor of Joel & Lynn Mesznik.
Mrs. S. Harry Berns, in memory of her beloved brother, Oscar Grover.
Mrs. Esther Biederman, in memory of her beloved father, Joseph Grabelsky.
Mrs. Ruth Boody, in memory of her beloved mother, Sylvia R. Jacobs.
Mr. & Mrs. Mordecai B. Braunstein, in honor of their anniversary.
Sandee Brawarsky, in honor of Rabbi Kenneth Stern & Dr. Suzanne Rose and family.
Mr. Manfred Brust, in honor of his birthday.
Dr. Manfred Brust, in memory of his beloved mother, Chaye Cyrel Brust.
Ms. Marlene Charnizon, in honor of her parents and her birthday.
Mr. Charles Charrow, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Alan Cohen, in memory of his beloved wife, Joan Cohen
Ronald Cohen & Donna Kramer Cohen, in honor of their anniversary.
Anne & Paul Corwin, with thanks and all good wishes for the New Year to Howard & Nan Rubin.
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Cowen, in honor of the Baby Naming of their granddaughter, Madelyn Anne Cowen, daughter of Andrew & Alison Cowen.
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Delgado, in honor of their anniversary.
Dr. Juliet Demb, in memory of her beloved mother, Manya Cooper.
Mrs. Claudia Dessler, in memory of her beloved father, Solly Offman.
Dr. & Mrs. Jason Dolinsky.
Judge Conrad B. Duberstein, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Fran Evans, in memory of her beloved mother, Beatrice Rosenthal.
Mrs. Joan Felder, in memory of her beloved father, Irving Schlesinger.
Mrs. Gert Finkelstein, in memory of her beloved husband, Mark I. Finkelstein.
Mr. Maurice Finnell.
Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of her beloved husband, Jack I. Goldfinger.
Mrs. Mary Goldman, in memory of her beloved mother, Ida Gilbert.
Mrs. Mary Goldman, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Goodman, in honor of their anniversary.
Dr. Linda Grad, in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Gary Grad.
Mr. & Mrs. Lance Harris, in honor of their anniversary.
Ellen & Bill Harrow, in honor of Bob Becker, *Hatan Torah.*
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Ellen & Bill Harrow, in honor of the wedding of Rabbi Paulette Gross & Jeremy Posner.
Susan & Leon Heller, in honor of Mal & Ann Eisenberg.
Mr. & Mrs. David B. Julie, in honor of his High Holy Days honor.
Mrs. Miriam Kaplan, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Marilyn Katz, in memory of her beloved mother, Lillian Greenberg.
Mr. Gershon Kekst, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Gershon Kekst, in memory of his daughter, Michele Kekst.
Mrs. Gladys B. Kessler, in memory of her beloved brother, Jesse Bloomfield.
Laureen Kim, Alan Michels & Alapai Michels, in honor of Heidi D. .Silverstone, on the occasion of her being honored as *Kallat Bereishit.*
Dr. & Mrs. David Korris, in honor of their anniversary.
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Krevat, in honor of their anniversary.
Ann Leichtling, in honor of Rabbi Paulette Gross's marriage to Jeremy Posner.
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Leon, for *Yizkor.*
Alan Levine, in honor of the Parker family on the occasion of Josh's *Bar Mitzvah.*
Mrs. Joyce Levine, in memory of her beloved father, Saul Celnik.
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Levine, in honor of their anniversary.
Ms. Marian Levitt, in memory of her beloved mother, Mildred Pascal.
Dr. Zanvel Liff, in honor of his birthday.
Dr. Ann Lyons, in memory of her beloved father, Julius Sidney Moskowitz.
Mrs. Sandra Markman, in memory of her beloved father, Carl Goldenberg.
Mrs. Bernice Meltzer, in memory of her beloved brother, Irving Jablons.
Mrs. Roxandra Meron, in memory of her beloved mother, Carola Abramovici.
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Muchnick, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Violet Murad, in memory of her beloved husband, Jacob Murad.
Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Neustein, in memory of Margerita Nodelman.
Mr. Michael Norwich, in memory of his beloved father, Isadore Norwich.
Mr. Julius Paige, in memory of his beloved mother, Beckie Pogrebinsky.
Meryl D. Pearlstein & James R. Wacht, in honor of their son, Evan Wacht's *Bar Mitzvah.*
Dr. Brian Pollack, in memory of his beloved father, Jacques Pollack.
Mrs. Ruth Pordy, in memory of her beloved brother, Marvin Gansberg.
Mrs. Helen C. Raticoff, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Mordecai Rochlin, in memory of his beloved brother, Benjamin Rochlin.
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Mr. Fred Sztul, in honor of his High Holy Days honor.
Mr. Ray L. Treiger, in memory of his beloved father, Sam Treiger.
Ms. Jacqueline Wahl, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Lois Weinberg, in memory of her beloved father, Aaron Harry Paul.
Dr. Howard Weiner, in memory of his beloved wife, Phyllis Lifton Weiner.
Shelly & Justin Wimpfheimer, in honor of Hilda Davidson's 100th birthday.
Ms. Irene Winkelman, in memory of her beloved father, Louis Leib Winkelman.
Mrs. Susan Winter, in memory of her beloved father, Lewis Rosenfeld.
Dr. Kirk Zachary, for *Yizkor.*
Mrs. Annette Zimmerman, for *Yizkor.*
Mr. Eugene Zinbarg, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Zinbarg, in honor of their anniversary.

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Katherina Grunfeld, in honor of Heidi Silverstone, 2002 *Mitzvah* Sunday Co-chair, for having been named *Kallat Bereishit.*
Arnold L. and Lite Sabin, in honor of Robert Becker, *Hatan Torah.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for DECEMBER 2003

	1 7:30 pm WEG Board Meeting	**2** 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 8:30 am Executive Education Committee 6:30 pm Family History Class	**3**	**4** 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	**5** 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service Children's Birthday Celebration Guest Speaker 7:00 pm *Minyan Ma'alot* 7:15 pm Arms *Shabbat* Dinner 4:09 pm Light Candles	**6** 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service *Bar Mitzvah* of Adam McCormack 9:30 am *Havurah* Service 11:15 am Tot *Shabbat* Service
7 4:00 pm Musicale	**8**	**9** 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	**10** 8:00 pm Before the Stork	**11** 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 6:00 pm *Parsha* Class 6:30 pm Education Committee Meeting	**12** 5:15 pm Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service 6:15 pm *Rinah U'Tefilah* Friday Evening Service 4:09 pm Light Candles	**13** 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service / Guest Speaker *Bat Mitzvah* of Sarah Abramovitz 10:00 am *Shabbat B'yachad & Hanukkah Zimriyah* 12:00 pm *Shabbat* lunch
14 10:00 am Family ***Hanukkah*** Art Project 11:00 am Men's Club ***Hanukkah*** Party	**15** 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group	**16** 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11:00 am Sisterhood ***Hanukkah*** Program	**17**	**18** 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 4:00 pm Bereavement Group	**19** ***Hanukkah*** First Candle 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:15 pm ***Hanukkah*** *Shabbat* Dinner 4:19 pm Light Candles	**20** ***Hanukkah*** 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
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Monday - Friday at 7:15 am

Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 am

Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 pm

Saturday afternoons at 4:15 pm
(December 27 at 4:30 pm)

Listings are accurate as of November 1, 2003. Dates & times are subject to change. Please check with the Synagogue office to confirm calendar information.

A Look Ahead

Tot *Shabbat* and *Shabbat* Lunch

Saturday, January 10

A wonderful opportunity for families with toddlers and pre-school aged children to join together for a daytime *Shabbat* experience of prayer, song, story and dance, followed by lunch and an opportunity to socialize with the clergy and each other. Reservations are required for lunch. Watch the mail for the special invitation and reservation form.

Young Couples Group

Wednesday, January 14

Save the date for the first Young Couples event of 2004, to be held at the home of Jan and Robert Gilman at 7:45 pm. Watch for more information to follow.

WEG *Tu B'Shvat* Program

Monday, January 26

WEG invites all congregants and friends to join in a pre-*Tu B'Shvat* program featuring Rabbi Michael M. Cohen, director of the ARAVA Institute for Environmental Studies, who will discuss the land, sea and air problems of Israel and its neighboring countries. Learn how political animosity is put aside at a school at Kibbutz Ketura for the sake of finding solutions to prevent deterioration and to make The Land itself stronger.

Save the date:

Family Education / *Kehillah Shabbaton*

"Our Heart Is in the East: The Place of Israel in the Lives of American Jewry"

Friday-Saturday, February 6-7

Dr. Daniel Gordis

Now that you've picked up his books at the book fair, the upcoming winter vacation is a great chance to read the works of our *Shabbaton* Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Daniel Gordis. Dr. Gordis writes honestly and directly about his family's new life in Israel, having made *aliyah* from a comfortable life in Los Angeles to Jerusalem, to encounter a life rich in active participation in Jewish history as well as a time of political upheaval and increased terror. Reading Dr. Gordis' touching accounts of the daily miracles and challenges of living in Israel today will help you feel prepared for a weekend of study and conversation with this dynamic and innovative thinker. Watch the mail for the invitation containing details of how to sign up for the weekend, as well as the variety of Israel-related activities and sessions for all ages of children and students in the community.

Dr. Gordis' most recent books are *Home to Stay: One American Family's Chronicle of Miracles and Struggles in Contemporary Israel* (Three River Press, 2003) and *If a Place Can Make You Cry: Dispatches From an Anxious State* (Crown Publishing, 2002). Also check out Dr. Gordis' web site, *www.danielgordis.org*, and find out how to subscribe to his e-mail list.

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